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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows (a marked-up copy showing the changes is provided as the attached Appendix):

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 4, second full paragraph, as follows:

C1 ---Compounds which structurally relates to the compounds represented by the general formula (XXI) of the present invention are described in WO98/11895, WO98/06402, EP 749 962, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,708,187, 5,814,653, C. R. Heb. Seances Acad. Sic., 251, p.2728, 1960 and J. Phamacol. Exptl. Therap., 99, p. 450, 1950. However, these publications do not specifically disclose nor suggest the compounds of the present invention and the NPY antagonism thereof.---